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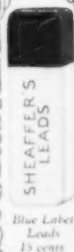
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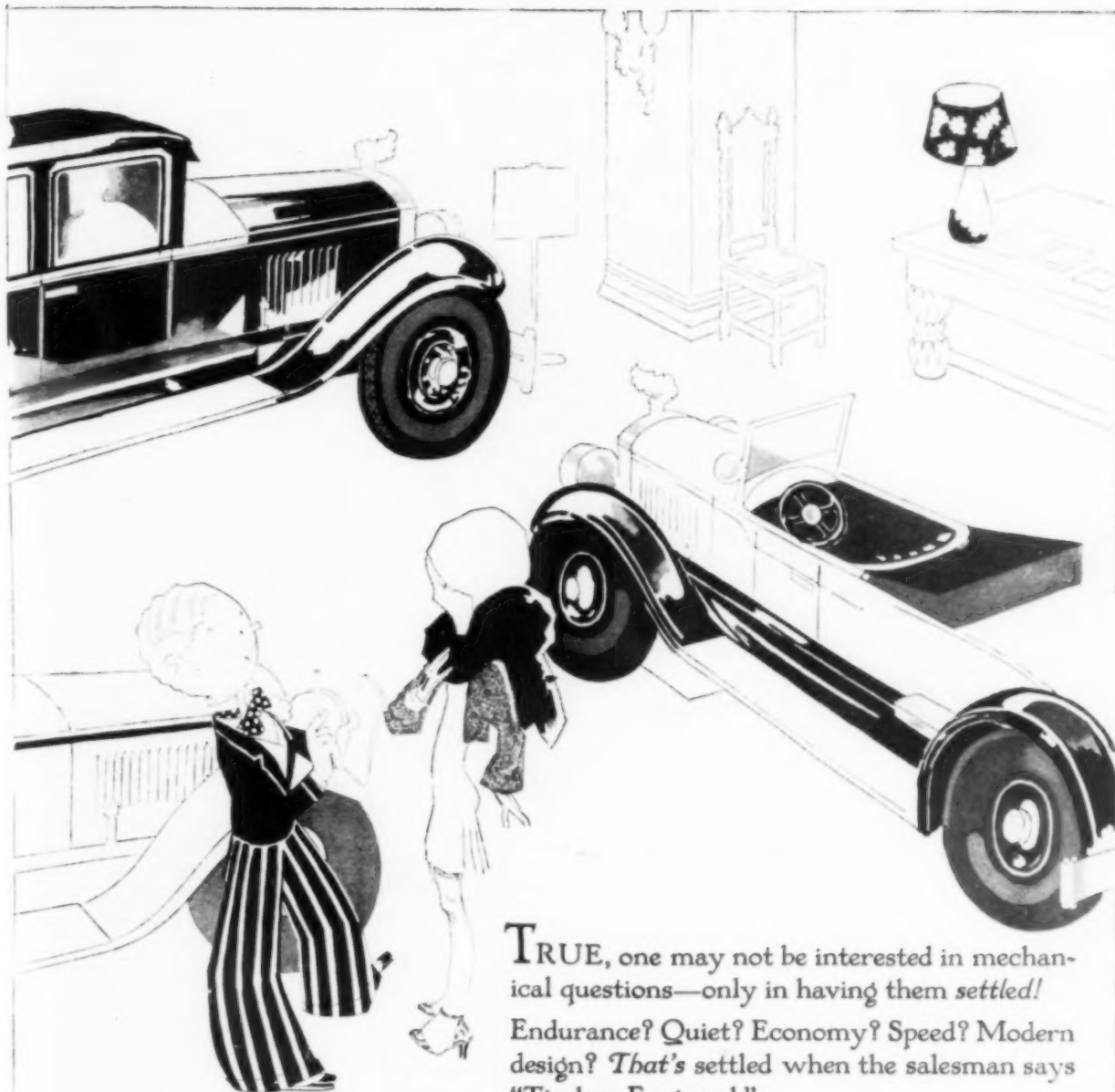
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The Train Announcer Develops a Political Complex

MR. BAGGAGEMASTER, red-caps, fellow citizens: Before proceeding with the subject of the afternoon, I am reminded of a little story. It seems there were two Scotchmen, Pat and Mike. "Pat," said Mike, "do ye know phut it is makes the world go round?" "No, begobs," said Pat; "phut is it makes the world go round?" "Phell, thin," said Mike, "I'll tell ye phut it is makes the world go round. Sure an' it's this theory of revolution." (*Pause for laughter.*) As I was about to say, fellow citizens, this great republic of ours—this immense democracy which is at once the youngest and the oldest of nations—needs but one thing: a strong, steady, sturdy and unswerving purpose in its intercourse with European principalities. (*Pause for applause.*) Therefore, fellow citizens, I call on you this afternoon in a voice which I hope will reach from the rockbound coast of Maine to the sun-kissed shores of California; from the wind-swept lakes of Minnesota to the zephyr-touched sands of Florida. Yes, fellow citizens, regardless of what State you live in, we have ready for you this afternoon, on Track Sev-un, the two-thirty train for All-bun-ee, U-tic-car, Syr-rah-cuse, Raw-chester and Buff-alo. New York Central train, ready on Track Sev-un. I thank you. (*Prolonged applause.*)

Al Graham.

Paradise Regained

THE curse of Adam, some believe, Was lighter than the curse of Eve, Since Adam suffered from his fall A very little, if at all; He only had to turn his hand, At first, to cultivating land, Then rid himself of all such fetters And merely had to dictate letters, While poor Eve's work was never through— She had a thousand things to do, All incident to keeping house And comforting her lazy spouse.

That may be right, it may be wrong, But Eve did not endure it long. To toil she shortly bid defiance And organized Domestic Science, With fireless cookers, percolators, Electrical refrigerators, Machines as fast as she could buy them To wash the dishes and to dry them, To get the laundry out on Monday, To clean the carpet with on Sunday, To make the coffee, toast the rolls, To mend the rips and darn the holes. She used to work from sun to sun, But now she's through by half-past one.

And flits about in giddy raiment, While Adam makes another payment.

—S. K., in *Spokane Spokesman-Review*.

So Help Me!

I USED to be as good as gold,
Or practically that.
My mother never had to scold
Her precious little brat.
And every evening at her knee
I prayed for further purity.

I wish that life could always stay
As simple and as neat
As in that enviable day
Of toast and Cream of Wheat.
And it could be that way again
By just eliminating men.

Margaret Fishback.

Glossary of Motoring
Terms

PURR: Word used to describe the wheeze made by your motor when it is not missing on more than six cylinders, with only an occasional

Knock: Remark from the back seat or some other

Boob: Any other driver, especially the one that cuts in ahead at a

Traffic Light: The little green light that always turns red just before you get to it, forcing you to apply the

Emergency Brake: What your wife always has on when she drives, to keep from running into a

Fire Plug: Ornamental red post put up at the curb for the sole purpose of ruining a perfectly good

Parking Place: The vacant spot you never see till the other fellow slips into it, and for which you are still searching when an officer speaks to you about your

Tail Light: What you've forgotten to turn on, and gives you a

Ticket: Invitation to a formal reception at which you generally win a prize called

Fine: Not so good but what the thoughts of it cause you to drive bitterly-homeward until halted by a

Speed Cop: The fellow that says you were going fifty-one when you know darn well you were not exceeding the

Speed Limit: All you can get out of the old can when you press down hard on the

Accelerator: The little jigger your wife always steps on when she wants to stop the car.

Asia Kawgan.

Revived

CARL SANDBURG, who goes about the country strumming a guitar and singing folk songs, likes to tell stories while developing a vamp (musical term, not social). Two Chicago men, says Carl, died recently and met in the great beyond.

"Well, Jim," said one of them, "heaven is a pretty nice place after all."

"Yes," said Jim, "but this isn't heaven."

—New York World.

Old Briar

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"THE BEST PIPE SMOKE EVER MADE!"



MADAM, the right tobacco means so much to him — give him Old Briar

GIVE him Old Briar Tobacco and you will give him more real enjoyment and contentment than he has ever gotten out of his pipe before. This Christmas, many thousands of women will get almost as much pleasure from their gift of Old Briar Tobacco as the men get themselves... When you see his enjoyment, when you, yourself, enjoy the fragrance of the

smoke, when he tells you, as he will, that you've given him the best pipe tobacco he's ever smoked, your thoughtfulness will be more than repaid.

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**Daniel Hays
Gloves**





MANAGER OF FREAK SHOW: Here, what's happened to the India Rubber Man?
He seems to have disappeared.
FREAK: Yeah, he erased himself.

"The End of a Beautiful Friendship"

"WELLIFFUTTAINT Huy-munn!...I'm offal glatta see-ya, Huy-munn, ya wuykin here?...Ainchu tha kiddler...Lissun, ya gussum spimmunt, Huy-munn?...Fresh!...I doe wanna spimmunt sunny, I wossum spimmunt galm—chooun galm...You know whatta want, Huy-munn, I wanna coupla packujussa spimmunt galm...Oh, quitcha kiddun, I doe wanna spimmunt sawwich, I wossum—...Well, iss about time!...Ainchu kil-lun?...Ya look swell innat white coat...Ya still go-un roun with Maddlun, Huy-munn?...Well, I'm glatta hearut...Ya wuz too good furra...Ya know she yoossa be my bess frenn, but I hatta givvurup...I sezz to ur, 'If yar gonna tell things like at behine my back,' I sezz, 'awright fayoo,' I sezz. 'Ya cannexpek me ta be frenns wiya,' I sezz, an-shee wuzzaz bole as brass, she sezz, 'What kina things?' she sezz, anny sezz, 'I woont soil my tongue by repeatun-num,' I sezz...She wuz z tellun aboumee go-un on a lotta wile parteze, annay wuzzn a wuyda truth innut,

I never wennon no wile parteze...Sheeza bigguss liar...Annye sezz, 'Ya wanna know what I thinka ya?' I sezz. 'Yar two-faced,' I sezz, 'anya gotta mouth in eash face!' I sezz, annass juss what I thinkuva, Huy-mann, she's offal, she's a reggla Jeebeezul...Sheeza darnuss hippacrut, ackun azzif she wuz so mush better thun moce people, buttye wantcha ta know, Huy-munn, thasshee wuz on ollem

parteze ha-self...Annare she wuz, talkun aboumee, an ennyhow, them parteze wuz perfelly awright, they wuzzn nothun outa tha way go-un on attol...Antha things I know abouta would senna ta jay-ull, on-nussly, Huy-munn, tha things I seenat guyl do when we wuz off onnem parteze...I woont soil my tongue tellunnum taya, Huy-munn, I respek ya too mush!...So I'm juss gonna tryta forgetta...On-nussly, tha things she done onnem parteze...Lis-sun, Huy-munn, ya gonna take me ta tha—...Wassat!...Ya mar-rieda!...Ohmygawd!!"
Heman Fay, Jr.



The "White Collar Man" Buys a Blue Shirt.

Busy Neighborhood

"IS your mother home, Johnny?"

"No, ma'am, she's helping Mrs. Brown quilt quilts over at Mrs. Murphy's but if you want Mrs. Hanson's step-ladder it's at Mrs. Bilson's."

JONES: Your telephone operator is a hard-working little girl, isn't she?

SMITH: Yes, she certainly is a plugger.



(The First Transatlantic Passenger Plane

PUBLIC SPIRITED PASSENGER: Well, now, how about organizing a nice, jolly ship's concert?

The Christmas Shoppers' Blue Book

ROUTE 483 — Jewelry Department to Toyland—6 miles. (Optional Route 483A via Telephone Booths and Adjustment Bureau.)

Mileage 0.0 JEWELRY DEPARTMENT, Fork left at Vacuum Cleaner Display straight ahead to

Mileage 1.1 SHOE DEPARTMENT, End of aisle sharp turn; bear right across arcade past Dress Goods and Silks to

Mileage 3.6 MILLINERY, At counter containing \$7.98 hats fork left past Hosiery, Handkerchiefs, Carpets (Note: Ahead is Route 498 to Men's Clothing and Restaurant) to

Mileage 4.7 PICTURE DEPARTMENT, Fork at Umbrella Demonstration past Fashion Show; bear right at Underwear through Books, Gloves, Optical Goods to

Mileage 6.0 TOYLAND (Left at 6.7 is Route 987 through Infants'

Wear to Housefurnishings. Right at 6.3 is Route 630 to Tea Room and Draperies).

Arthur L. Lippmann.



And That's the Difference a Few Years Make

THE WIFE: MISTletoe! John Jenkins, you ought to have more sense! You KNOW those berries drop off and get trampled into the rugs!

Miscast

THE Hollywood casting director, who boasted an unerring eye for "types," was demonstrating his ability to a friend.

"That man is a banker; across from him is a musician, and beside the musician is a newspaper man. Am I right?" he asked his friend.

"Yes. Tell what the men at the next table do for a living," the friend replied.

The casting director studied them for a moment.

"The one in the gray suit is a lawyer," he announced; "the one smoking a cigarette is a salesman, and the fellow looking this way is an advertising writer. Am I right?"

"Yes, but you skipped one—that one over at the end."

"I know it. That fellow baffles me. Who is he?"

"A movie actor."

Bill Sykes.



Crime Note

A Chicago billiard player is arrested for putting English on the ball.

The Honest Men and the Grafters

\$2,000,000,000 had been stolen by grafters in one year.

Now the people waxed very wroth over this, and called together certain wise men whom they had elected to be representatives, and spake to them after this fashion:

"How is it that we are being robbed so grievously?"

And the representatives answered, saying: "Behold, it is because this country hath not sufficient laws against grafting."

"Go to," instructed the people, "and pass laws."

So all the representatives gathered together and passed oodles and oodles of laws.

\$2,000,000,000 was stolen by grafters the next year.

Then the people waxed wroth again, and spake thus:

"Did ye not pass laws against this grafting business?"

"Yea, verily," answered the wise men. "But the laws have not been enforced. What this country needs is more enforcement officers."

"Go to," commanded the people, "and hire enforcement officers."

And the wise men did as they were bidden.

\$2,000,000,000 was stolen by grafters the following year.

Now when this had come to the ears of the people their anger waxed hotter and hotter, and they muttered much among themselves. And finally there arose up among them a Big Business Man, who was much wiser than the representatives. Also he was a man of Great Honesty. And

he went to and fro among the people, speaking in a loud voice.

"Behold!" he cried in a voice of thunder. "Can ye not see, ye foolish people, that the way to stop graft is to vote the grafters out of power? Go ye therefore to the polls and cast your votes for men of honesty and integrity, and cast out these thieves and robbers, that there may be no more graft."

So all the people went to the polls and voted, and each and every one of the grafters was thrown out of office. And their places were filled by Honest Men.

The next year \$2,000,000,000 was stolen by grafters.

Asia Kagowan.

Playing Safe

TOM: I just got a raise!

JOE: That's fine. How much are you making now?

TOM: Lemme see. How much did I tell you I was making the last time?

When We Two Parted

SHE: I suppose you know Alice married money?

HE: Oh, yes. They're separated now, aren't they?

SHE: No—just she and her husband are separated.



"Mummy, I think I love Santa Claus more than Daddy!"



Santa Calls on the Hollywood Vamp

Mrs. Pep's Diary

November 15th The first post unusually heavy, and amongst the acceptable part of it were four letters from various foreign countries wherefrom I did detach the postage to give it to Effie Goings, who plans to paper one of the rooms of her projected country place in stamps. Lord! were she to go in solely for the domestic variety, our circular mail for a month would provide her with sufficient covering for a fair-sized salon! This morning it did contain a pronouncement from a famous wine company that one of its experts had devised a method for contriving champagne out of the fundamental ingredients of their products, and my husband, poor wretch, took it so seriously as to bear it away in his wallet, reminding me of the Latin proverb, "Man gladly credits that which he wishes to believe." Lay abed after my breakfast, strangely overcome with a sense of



TRAFFIC COP (to man who has asked a direction): You can't find the Bulkmore Hotel, eh? Are you staying there?
LOST MAN: No, I'm just the house detective.



Earth Control

"George Washington was the father of his country!"
"Yeh? And who was the mother?"
"Well, Betsy Ross is sometimes considered as such."
"Did they have any more countries?"

futility which is uncommon to me, until, realizing that if I did continue my train of thought, they would be dragging the river for me on the morrow, I did rouse myself, do on my new black faille and velvet toque, and was off to the shops to seek out something frivolous which I could not afford, and it did turn out to be a pair of earrings, great pearls dangling at just the proper length, and they did so set me up that I did summon Mima Alsop to lunch with me at a public on clams and broiled mushrooms and chiffonade salad, very fine, and we did discuss the foibles of our sex until we were in a mild gale, agreeing, amongst other things, that it were better if speakers at women's luncheons, instead of discoursing upon the perils of their professions or the trend of our native literature, would choose such subjects as "My Adventures in a Turkish Bath," "The Psychology of Diet" and "Are Mid-Winter Millinery Sales on the Level?" Dined this night with Bill and Elida Langley, setting all our clocks well ahead so that Sam would make it on time regardless of what his own retarded watch might say, and afterwards to see George Cohan in "The Merry Malones," a harlequinade containing a splendid brass band which plays all too (Please turn to page 33)

Perfection

BOTH beautiful and dumb
My own true love must be;
Beautiful, so I'll love her—
And dumb, so she'll love me.
H. E. M.

Slow Work

BETTY: You only met me an hour ago, and now you want to kiss me!
PAUL: Well, I'm sorry I wasted so much time!



WILLIE: Pa, can I have a penny? I want to make a down-payment on an ice cream cone.



In Yahoo Center
 "One little thing leads to another"

All-America Travel Contest

Weekly Prizes

For the best answer to each of Kay Vernon's letters:

First Prize - - - - - \$75.00

Three Second Prizes of \$25.00 each

Final Grand Prizes

For those who have the best record throughout the Contest as a whole:

First Prize - - - - - \$400.00

Second Prize - - - - - \$200.00

Third Prize - - - - - \$100.00



THIS IS KAY'S THIRD LETTER

DETROIT, MINN.

DEAR EDITOR:

Well, here I am in Detroit, after a strenuous drive from Boston. On the way I passed through Lennox, Mass., a very high society resort in the Catskill Mountains, and then on to Albany, where I saw the state capitol. I didn't see Al Smith, as he was away attending an Anti-Saloon League conference.

Then I dashed westward along the Erie Canal to Buffalo and Rochester—known as "the twin cities"—then to Erie, Pa., and then to Cleveland, which is named after the great President who came from there.

Cleveland is a beautiful city, with lots of lovely homes, most of which are situated on Euclid Ave. in the fashionable west end. The city is on Lake Erie and also on the Cuyahoga River—the latter having been made famous by the Cornell "Alma Mater" song. While I was there I was taken to the park by a very attractive boy and he showed me the statue to Commodore Perry, the man who said, "Don't Give Up the Ship."

But here—I'm not saving any space for a description of Detroit, which is the fifth largest city in the U. S. and the home of the traffic problem. Detroit is just across the lake from Windsor, Ont., and all the people in

Detroit seem to go over there every evening. Probably there is a good movie theatre there. Two big automobile companies have their headquarters in Detroit, and there seems to be a lot of "good-natured" rivalry between them. One is the Ford Co., and the other is General Motors, of which Mr. Durant is the president. The Ford Co. makes Fords, Lincolns and airplanes, and General Motors makes all the other brands of automobiles and electric ice-boxes.

Yesterday I drove from my hotel, the Brook-Cadillac, out to the Ford airport in Flint, and imagine my surprise when I met an old, old friend of mine who is now an airplane pilot. I told him about my trip and he said he was going to fly out to the coast and would I come along. Can you imagine anything more thrilling? So from now on I travel by air—my next stops being Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Indianapolis and Chicago.

Lovingly,

Kay

P. S. I almost forgot to tell you that while I was in Detroit, I saw the house where Edgar Guest was born! I was terribly impressed.

CONDITIONS OF THE CONTEST

THE object in this Contest is to detect and correct the mistakes in Kay Vernon's letters — the third of which appears in this issue. Subsequent letters will appear every week in *LIVE*, up to the February 9th issue, when the twelfth and final letter will be published.

Kay Vernon's tour will cover most of

the principal cities of the United States, and each week her letters will include descriptions of the scenes and places she has visited. In these descriptions will be many errors and inaccuracies.

Every answer to this Contest must take the form of a letter to Kay Vernon, telling her what mistakes she has made, and correcting those mistakes.

The prizes will be awarded to those who detect and correct the greatest number of mistakes in each of Kay's letters, and who express themselves most effectively in their letters to her. Answers to this Contest do not have to be humorous or elaborate in presentation. They must be clear, concise and to the point. Answers (Please turn to page 32)

Answer Kay's letter! Correct her mistakes!



The Church that felt it had to compete with Modern Conditions has a set of Klaxons put up, to take the place of the Old-Fashioned Chimes.

The Slogan Writer Has a Bad Dream

WHEN better automobiles are built like a skyscraper, walk a mile from contented cows, follow the arrow, ask Dad (he knows such popularity must be aged six months out of every five when nature won't say it with flowers), keep that schoolgirl complexion 99⁴⁴/₁₀₀% pure, save the surface, and you'll eventually (why not now ask the man who owns one for economical transportation?) guard the danger line to the last drop in a carload you just know you'd love to touch.

Now, you'll like Brann!

Happy Day!

HAROLD: Your daughter and I are to be married, Mr. Smith. I suppose you've been expecting it.

MR. SMITH: Yes, I have. I've kept a shotgun loaded with rice for six months.

Insulation Needed

HUSBAND: Great heavens! Look at the amount of our light bill!

WIFE: Yes, dear. Our electric icebox has been leaking.



Claim to Fame

"I was a flower girl atta wedding once."
"Huh! I was a witness inna diworc case!"

Androcles and the Lion

HELLO, everybody. This is Mayhem Grachnamee speaking. Well, here we are at the Coliseum, and in a few more minutes the bell will ring. You are hearing this blow-by-blow, bite-by-bite story of the big fight through courtesy of the *Roman Daily Tribunal*.

The crowds are pouring into the Coliseum. Betting odds are ten to one against Audacious Androcles, the Christian Catamount. Leo, the Nubian Lion of the Jungles, never has been defeated. That prolonged cheer you heard started when the emperor, accompanied by a gay party, arrived in the royal box. It is a typical Roman holiday.

Some one is making way in the crowd. It's Androcles. The Christian Catamount is in the ring. He looks tired and overtrained. Now the crowd is going mad. Leo, the Hairy Hater, has arrived at his corner.

And now...there goes the bell...Leo darts out of his corner. He is rushing Andy. Andy gives ground. It looks like a Marathon. Andy is cornered. There is no bell to save Andy. This is a fight to the finish.

Now Leo is taking Andy's measure. Oh, this is exciting. But, wait. Something has happened. Leo is giving Andy a hug! Now Leo is kissing Andy.

The crowd is booing. It's a set-up, they're shouting. Now Andy and Leo are waltzing. Tiberius has leaped from the box and is rushing toward the ring.

The crowd is hushed now. Tiberius is talking to Andy. Folks, this is great. Andy is telling Tiberius the story back of this funny-looking fight. Folks, Andy and Leo are old friends! When Andy was a veterinarian in the jungle, he once took a thorn out of Leo's foot. That's why Leo laid down.

Tiberius is making a proclamation. Andy is declared the victor. But Leo is given honorable mention. The two are going to tour the country in a vaudeville act.

And now, folks, don't forget to read all about it in tomorrow's *Roman Daily Tribunal*, through whose courtesy this radio story is made possible.

John Forbes.



Retaining Her Youth

Below the Storm Belt

FIRST KANSAN: How did your new cyclone cellar weather the gale?

SECOND KANSAN: Fine! We didn't lose a bottle!

Confession

I DON'T like married women; they're always talking about husbands.

I don't like single women; they're always thinking about husbands.

I don't like widows; they're always angling for husbands.

I don't like divorcees; they're always about to catch new husbands.

I don't like women in general, and the four who turned me down in particular.

James A. Sanaker.



HARRIET: Let's play strip poker

HARRY: I'm game — go put some clothes on and we'll start.

July week at the Paradise? Well, they were on the bill at the Palace, and I went to see 'em three times."

"WHAT did you buy for your wife's Christmas?"
"I don't know yet. She's going to surprise me."

Replete

"HAVE a good time in New York?"

"Sure did; and talk about gettin' the breaks! Remember the acrobats that played Fourth of

JUST BETWEEN US GIRLS



"MY dear, I'm all-of-a-BIB-and-TUCKer, because **WHAT** do you s'POSE? This **MAN** who married one of my **BEST FRIENDS** keeps pursUing me the enTIRE TIME, my dear, and telling me how he SIMPLY aDORES me and how sort of MISunderSTOOD he is by his WIFE—can you BEAR it, my dear? I mean I'm ACTually emBARrassed to TEARS at this point, because **WHAT** can I DO? I mean I simply aDORE this GIRL who he's MARried to because I mean she's one of my DEARest FRIENDS, but she's the sort of NAGging TYPE, do you know what I mean? And this man she MARried, my dear, is sort of the HIGH-spirited TYPE and I mean I ACTually don't SEE how anybody as atTRACTive as this man she MARried could ever have MARried her because I mean she just isn't the TYPE that you'd think would apPEAL to a man of his SORT because I mean he's terribly DASHing, sort of, and FRIGHTfully good-LOOKing and all, only I WISH he wouldn't keep pursUing me all the entire time because I mean it's an AWfully sort of DELicate situAtion for ME, my dear, because this GIRL he married is practically my DEARest FRIEND. But I REALly feel TERRibly sort of SORry for him, my dear, because she's so AWfully sort of NARrow and MEAN that she simply DOESn't underSTAND him and I REALly don't blame him a BIT for getting all hot and BOTHERed about the situation, my dear, and sort of FALLing in LOVE with somebody who is sort of symPATHeTic and BROAD-minded and all, only I am PRACtically ready to ROLL over and BUTter myself with disMAY at this point because I HONestly think it makes everything TERRibly sort of emBARrassing for ME, my dear—I mean I ACTually DO!"

Lloyd Mayer.



Somebody Is Always Thinking Up Some New Kind of Suffering

His Official Analyzer

FATHER: Which of the faculty do you like the best?

STUDENT: Well, I invite the Chemistry professor to all of my parties.



PRIZEFIGHTER'S MANAGER (to Social Secretary): Look 'ere, Fishface—ya only got Joe usin' two big words in this article to tha' *Graphic*! What's the idea?

Versatility

A LITERARY critic reviews a piece of literary creation, and is considerably impressed:

"Mr. Spottswood has etched upon a background of bitter monotony the stark, uncultured dreariness of these rude lives—"

"'Dismal Soil' is a melancholy symphony in minor key, a concerto composed of the struggle to wrest life from—"

"The author has filled every inch of his canvas with cruelly searching detail; the characters stand before us in all their—"

"'Dismal Soil,' by John Spottswood, enacts for us on a stage of virgin land the depressing tragedy of a small band of pioneer peasants—"

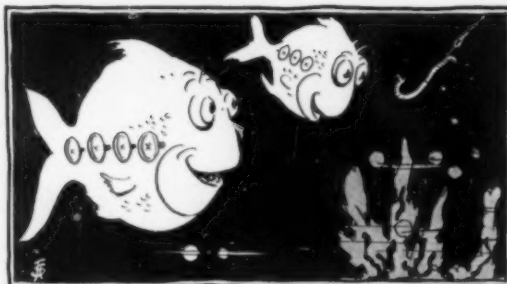
"Mr. Spottswood has woven a remarkable tapestry out of the poverty and bleakness of a group—"

"The author of 'Dismal Soil' has cast a simple yet beautiful mold of

the bitter existence of these brave invaders—"

This diversely talented gentleman, it appears, has done practically everything in the way of artistic endeavor except write a book.

James A. McCloskey.



FIRST FISH: Now you just grab hold of that worm and you'll get a nice juicy meal.

SECOND FISH: I'm not so sure. I'll bet there's a catch in it somewhere.

In the Order of Their Appearance

PLAYWRIGHT (bringing home a friend to dinner and indicating wife and children): Joe, I want you to meet the Love Interest and Juveniles.

NOW that the sale of cracked ice has been pronounced illegal we shall expect to see several crackeasies opened in New York.



REPORTER: I suppose that when the plane started to fall all your sins flashed before your eyes?
 MOVIE ACTRESS (thoughtfully): Oh, dear, no! Why, we only fell two miles.

Financially Inclined

GIRL FRIEND: Could that amateur crystal-gazer tell your fortune?

HEIRESS: I guess he could. He asked me to marry him.

ASSOCIATE: Chief, we are being sued for a two-hundred-and-fifty-thousand-dollar libel.

EDITOR: Thank God! Recognition at last.



PHIL: She's always begging for cigarettes, isn't she?

JILL: Yes, she's a regular Old Gold digger.

In 1937

(The Progress of Advertising, as Revealed by a Newsstand Announcement of the Immensely Popular Magazine, the "Saturday Night Host")

DON'T Miss This Week's Issue! An Amazing Array of the Greatest Minds of the Age! Thrilling, Entertaining, Edifying! Here Are Some of the Features:

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MODERN version: Let bygones be biographies.



"Edna, you're a bad girl! You can stand in the corner while I count one hundred."
 "Yaah! 'N' I suppose you'll give me a long count!"



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SENATOR BORAH made a speech on November 12th to the Law Enforcement

ment ladies in Carnegie Hall, saying that the politicians of both parties were dodging the Wet and Dry issue and that they ought to speak up about it and take sides. He seems to want one of the parties to be Wet and the other Dry so that voters can express themselves definitely on that issue.

The *World* argued in reply to effect that unenforcement had served adequately to handle the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments which most of the Southerners objected to.

Senator Glass responding deposed that, because of some failure of enactment by Congress, the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments were not in the same class as the Eighteenth and that the obligation to enforce them was not equally compulsory.

There is no objection to these learned and eloquent statesmen discussing this subject as much as they like. Senator Borah's desire for a lineup between the Wets and the Drys and also for a complete enforcement of the Volstead Act gets a good deal of support from the Wets, some of whom believe that the more vigorously the Volstead Act is enforced the more the American public will dislike it. But evidently the politicians do not want to get into trouble with this question because both parties are split on it right through the middle. If the Democrats should come out Wet in their platform they would lose a lot of Democratic votes. If the Republicans should come out Dry in their platform they would probably lose

a good many Republican votes. The managers of neither party want to lose any votes that they can keep by lying low and speaking in whispers. They are not asking for oratory on this subject.

Moreover, there are many thousands of voters who are neither Wet nor Dry; a great company of Anti-Saloon Wets who want to keep any good there is in Prohibition, and an increasing number of Drys who are disgusted with it as we have it, and want an end to its disorders and an enforceable law. Such voters Mr. Borah's pleadings for the Constitution and Mr. Glass's disclosures about the technicalities of amendments leave entirely cold. Some of them want better drinks, others want better laws, but Mr. Borah offers nothing that has even a faint prospect of meeting either of these needs.

Besides that, if one party should go Wet and the other Dry there would still be no resulting decision that could be called final. The Wets would still be Wet, the Drys would still be Dry and the Eighteenth Amendment would still be in the Constitution. If the Wets won, maybe enforcement would fall off in some States, but that is all.

BUT it may be that when we actually get to the campaign this Wet and Dry issue will be quite overshadowed by something else. It is six months and more yet before nominating will be done in conventions, and in these particularly active times six months is long enough for a very considerable turnover. There is a possibility of a religious discussion, which Mr. John J. Chapman has noticed in a letter published in the *Times* on November 21st, which might be even more distasteful to the politicians than Prohibition. The

motto of most politicians is as to fundamental discussions: "The least said the soonest mended." They feel so about Prohibition and they would undoubtedly feel so about any real discussion of the polity of a great ecclesiastical organization that includes five or six million voters in its membership. Their motto is good most of the time, but in actual campaigns to elect a President the lid is apt to come off.



THE presidential primaries are upon us and have had a quickening effect on discussion of Mr. Coolidge's withdrawal as a candidate. Some of the commentators affect to consider him somewhat disingenuous because he has not reissued his intentions, put them in stronger language and possibly emphasized them with execrations. Having not very ample gifts of imagination, they cannot imagine anybody as having enough of being President, so they say he remains half a candidate and so makes it hard for possible competitors like Mr. Hoover, Mr. Hughes and Mr. Dawes to be pushed with energy.

But why is it not possible that Mr. Coolidge, who is a very prudent man, is admonished by his inward guide to get out of the presidency before it breaks him? He has had excellent health and seems to take his work calmly and easily. Nevertheless, for five years he has held down a very big job. He has still another year ahead on it and he may humanly feel like taking a rest. When he talks about a year of whittling after he leaves office, he means that he is inclined to take a vacation and think things over. That he should choose not to run for President again at present is probably comprehensible to anybody but a political manager.

Meanwhile no effort should be wanting to aid and restore the State of Vermont. It is Mr. Coolidge's home State. His chariot stands in his garage there, and his casque reposes on the pantry shelf. Maybe he wants to go home and be Governor of Vermont for a spell and help to put that sorely afflicted commonwealth back on the map. As a school of character Vermont is unique. Its restoration to prosperity is a national necessity.

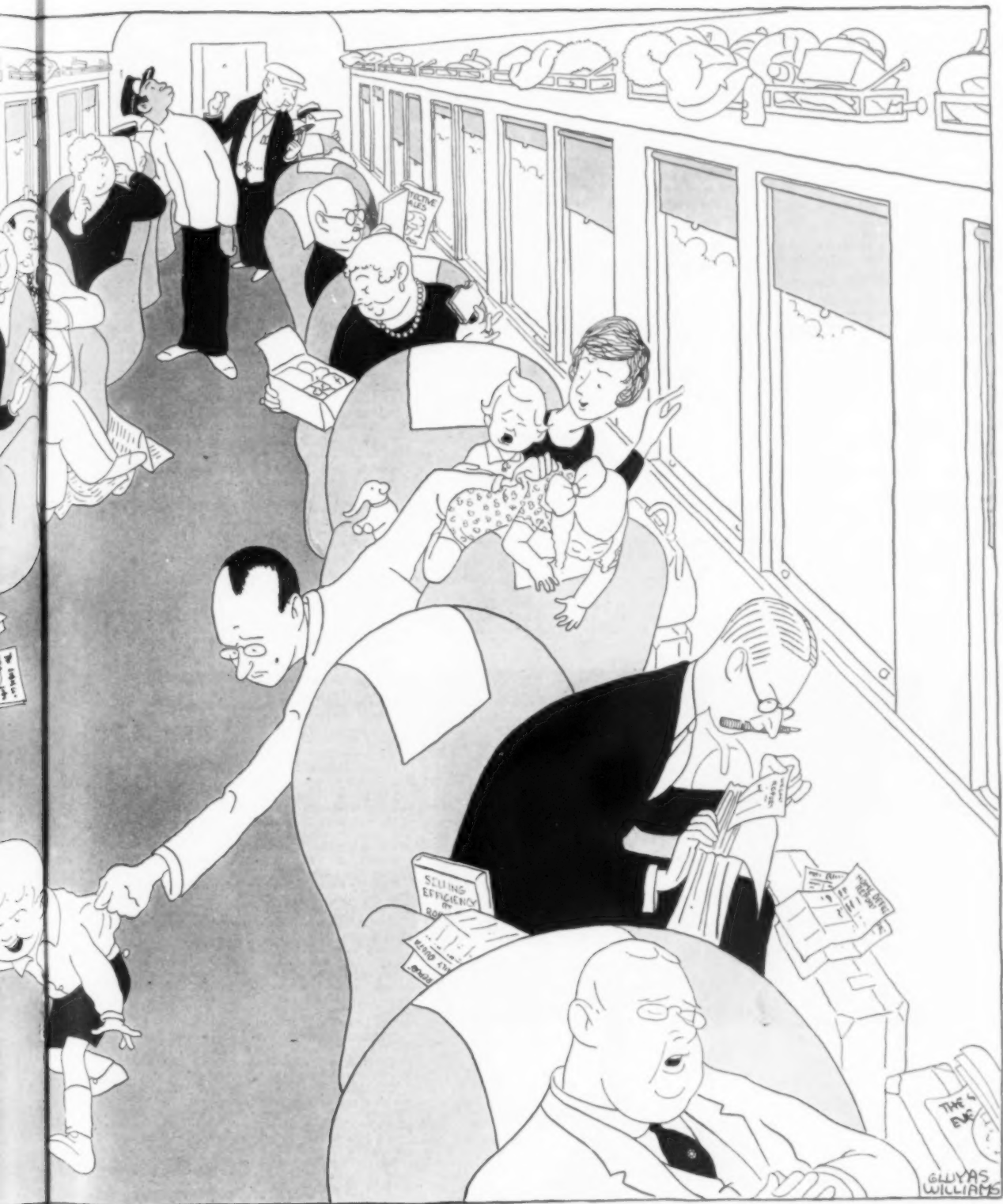
E. S. Martin.



Hard to Clear



The Parlor



Parlor Car

Confidential Guide

Owing to the time it takes to print LIFE, readers should verify from the daily newspapers the continuance of the attractions at the theatres mentioned.

More or Less Serious

The Arabian. *Wallack's*—Showing just how far you can trust those Oriental guys. Walker Whiteside wrote this play for himself.

The Centuries. *Playwrights*—To be reviewed later.

Civic Repertory. *Fourteenth St.*—The Eva Le Gallienne company in a worthy attempt to bring good drama to the people. See daily papers for schedule.

Coquette. *Maxine Elliott's*—Reviewed in this issue.

Dracula. *Fulton*—A cheery little bit about vampires, werewolves and corpses who aren't really dead. Take the kiddies on their Christmas holidays.

An Enemy of the People. *Hampden's*—Good Ibsen, with Walter Hampden.

Escape. *Booth*—Galsworthy's exciting account of the pursuit of an escaped convict, with Leslie Howard giving a fine performance.

Four Walls. *John Golden*—A gunman who tries to go straight. Good acting but slightly phony gunmen.

Hidden. *Lyceum*—Showing that sex will out. Philip Merivale driving Beth Merrill wild.

Interference. *Empire*—Much the same as many other London love melodramas, but very well acted by A. E. Matthews and the rest.

The Irish Players. *Hudson*—To be reviewed later.

The Ladder. *Lyric*—The flop that ran a year.

The Letter. *Morocco*—Katharine Cornell adding something to Somerset Maugham's play, which otherwise has not much.

Nightstick. *Selwyn*—Reviewed in this issue.

Out of the Sea. *Eltinge*—By Don Marquis. To be reviewed later.

Porgy. *Republic*—A fine play of Negro life, strangely set in the theatre where "Abie's Irish Rose" held forth.

The Racket. *Ambassador*—Reviewed in this issue.

Spellbound. *Earl Carroll*—Reviewed in this issue.

The Spider. *Music Box*—Still throwing audiences into a state of confusion and mystification.

The Trial of Mary Dugan. *National*—A well-made and continuously interesting melodrama, all laid in a courtroom.

Women Go On Forever. *Forrest*—Mary Boland in a strange play which is half-comedy, half-tragedy, half bad and half very fine.

Comedy and Things Like That

Abie's Irish Rose. *Somewhere about*—We don't quite know where this is, but we have a feeling that it isn't far away.

And So to Bed. *Sam. H. Harris*—To be reviewed next week.

The Baby Cyclone. *Henry Miller's*—Very amusing farce based on nothing at all. Grant Mitchell is in it.

Behold This Dreamer. *Cort*—Glenn Hunter in what might have been a gossamer comedy had some one not sewed brass buttons on it.

Broadway. *Broadhurst*—Don't let us have to speak to you again about seeing this.

Burlesque. *Plymouth*—Some fine moments in a comedy of small-time love, with Hal Skelly as the memorable hooper.

The Command to Love. *Longacre*—Take your maiden aunt to this and give her a good giggle. Mary Nash and Basil Rathbone in monkey business.

The Doctor's Dilemma. *Guild*—To be reviewed next week.

Fallen Angels. *Forty-Ninth St.*—To be reviewed later.

Her First Affaire. *Bayes*—Mild conversation with intent to shock.

Immoral Isabella? *Rits*—If this Frances Starr show runs much longer, we shall have to see it through, and gosh, how we dread it!

The Ivory Door. *Charles Hopkins*—Pretty gosh-darned whimsical after the first half-hour. Henry Hull is Kingy-the-Pooh.

The King Can Do No Wrong. *Masque*—To be reviewed next week. Lionel Atwill is in it.

The Marquise. *Biltmore*—Billie Burke being Billie Burke in a meringue of Noel Coward's.

A Midsummer Night's Dream. *Century*—The "important" Max Reinhardt production—in German. Worth looking at.

Much Ado About Nothing. *American Laboratory*—Even if this were good, we wouldn't like it.

The 19th Hole. *Cohan*—A good evening for golfers. Frank Craven wrote it and is in it.

People Don't Do Such Things. *Forty-Eighth St.*—To be reviewed next week.

The Road to Rome. *Playhouse*—Jane Cowl demonstrating how history can be made enjoyable.

The Shannons. *Martin Beck*—Broadway banter at its best, with a couple of good old-fashioned heart touches. James Gleason and Lucille Webster head the cast.

Storm Center. *Klaw*—To be reviewed later.

Take My Advice. *Belmont*—Unostentatiously pleasant.

The Taming of the Shrew. *Garrick*—Basil Sydney and Mary Ellis giving Shakespeare the breaks. In modern dress.

The Wicked Age. *Daly's*—Out.

Eye and Ear Entertainment

Artists and Models. *Winter Garden*—Reviewed in this issue.

A Connecticut Yankee. *Vanderbilt*—Elegant kidding, with one of the best scores in town. William Gaxton and Constance Carpenter.

Harry Delmar's Revels. *Shubert*—To be reviewed later.

The Desert Song. *Imperial*—It beats all how some of these good ones hang on.

The Five O'Clock Girl. *Forty-Fourth St.*—Smart entertainment, with a couple of nice songs. Mary Eaton and Oscar Shaw.

Follies of 1937. *New Amsterdam*—Eddie Cantor and everything else.

Funny Face. *Alvin*—With the Astaires, William Kent, Victor Moore and Allen Kearns. To be reviewed next week.

Golden Dawn. *Hammerstein's*—To be reviewed later.

Good News. *Forty-Sixth St.*—As good as they come.

Hit the Deck. *Belasco*—Still among the best.

Just Fancy. *Casino*—Raymond Hitchcock, Santley and Sawyer and others in a very pleasant show.

The Love Call. *Majestic*—Just fair.

Manhattan Mary. *Apollo*—You know Ed Wynn.

The Merry Malones. *Erlanger's*—Mr. Cohan in a show of his own, but not his best.

The Mikado. *Royale*—One of those Ames revivals you hear so much about. On Mondays, "Iolanthe." On Thursdays, "Pirates of Penzance." See them all.

My Maryland. *Jolson's*—Shubert chorus men freeing the slaves.

Rio Rita. *Ziegfeld*—Something nice for the eyes. Walter Catlett, Ada May and Bert Wheeler furnish laughs.

Sidewalks of New York. *Kniecherbocker*—Ray Dooley in a popular concoction by Eddie Dowling.

Take the Air. *Waldorf*—To be reviewed next week.



The Way of All Flesh

MAMIE: Gee, May, here I asked for a Vanilla Sundae, and he gave me a Chawklut Soda.

MAISIE: Yeah, that's life, ain't it?



Hold Everything!

IT is perhaps just as well that this department was forced to suspend operations for a week while the bouncing Christmas Number was hurtling off the presses; otherwise we might have been immoderate in our praise of Helen Hayes in "Coquette." Now, in the cool of the evening, we will merely say that it is the best thing in town.

There is little that can be written of Miss Hayes' performance, except that it is perfect. The combination of George Abbott and Jed Harris which resulted in "Broadway" has again brought forth a masterpiece of casting and direction. The play which Miss Bridgers and Mr. Abbott wrote has been put into the hands of people who evidently were born for the rôles (to mention the good performances would be to name the cast, beginning with Elliot Cabot), and these people have been guided by a master hand. It is hard to tell where the script ends and the direction begins, but if for no other reason than for the thrilling synchronization of comedy and tragedy toward the end, the play should come in for its share of the general huzzaing.

If we had written last week about "Coquette" we should have let ourself go more.



BEING so far behind, in a news sense, makes the announcement that "Nightstick" is a good melodrama a little superfluous. It deals with the old ingredients of cops and crooks, but they sound more like cops and crooks than most. We don't know many cops, as a matter of fact, and so perhaps have no right to pass judgment. But the whole thing sounds real, anyway.

Here again are a lot of good performances, notably those of Thomas Mitchell, Raymond Hackett and John Wray—the latter, by the way, being one of a bevy of authors of the piece.



TO our way of thinking, however, the best cop-and-crook play of the season, or several other seasons, is "The Racket." This melodrama is so real that you feel as if you had actually been covering Police Headquarters for an evening. The author, Bartlett Cormack, is an old newspaperman himself, and what is more, an old Chicago newspaperman, and his picture of the workings of the Chicago racket at police headquarters and allied joints gives every indication of being authentic, as well

as highly dramatic. Certainly his picture of newspaper reporters, from the kid whose own City Desk doesn't know he is working for the paper (Norman Fosters) to the hard-boiled veteran with a copy of the *American Mercury* in one pocket and a bottle of Scotch in the other (Hugh O'Connell), is perfect. If we know the veteran-type at all, he has an idea that one day soon he will write a story for the *Mercury* out of a lot of dope that he has, but somehow he never gets around to it. John Cromwell, Edward G. Robinson and Marion Coakley also add to a cast which couldn't be better.

Incidentally, it ought by now to be a truism that the best all-around acting in the theatre to-day is to be found in the ranks whose names are not in lights and probably never will be.



IT should be easier to rave about "Spellbound" than it is. It has a grand idea behind it, but something slipped in fitting it together. The woman whose sense of the dramatic leads her to the gallows for a crime she never really intended to have happen, is a conception worthy of pretty darned good writing—which "Spellbound" didn't get.

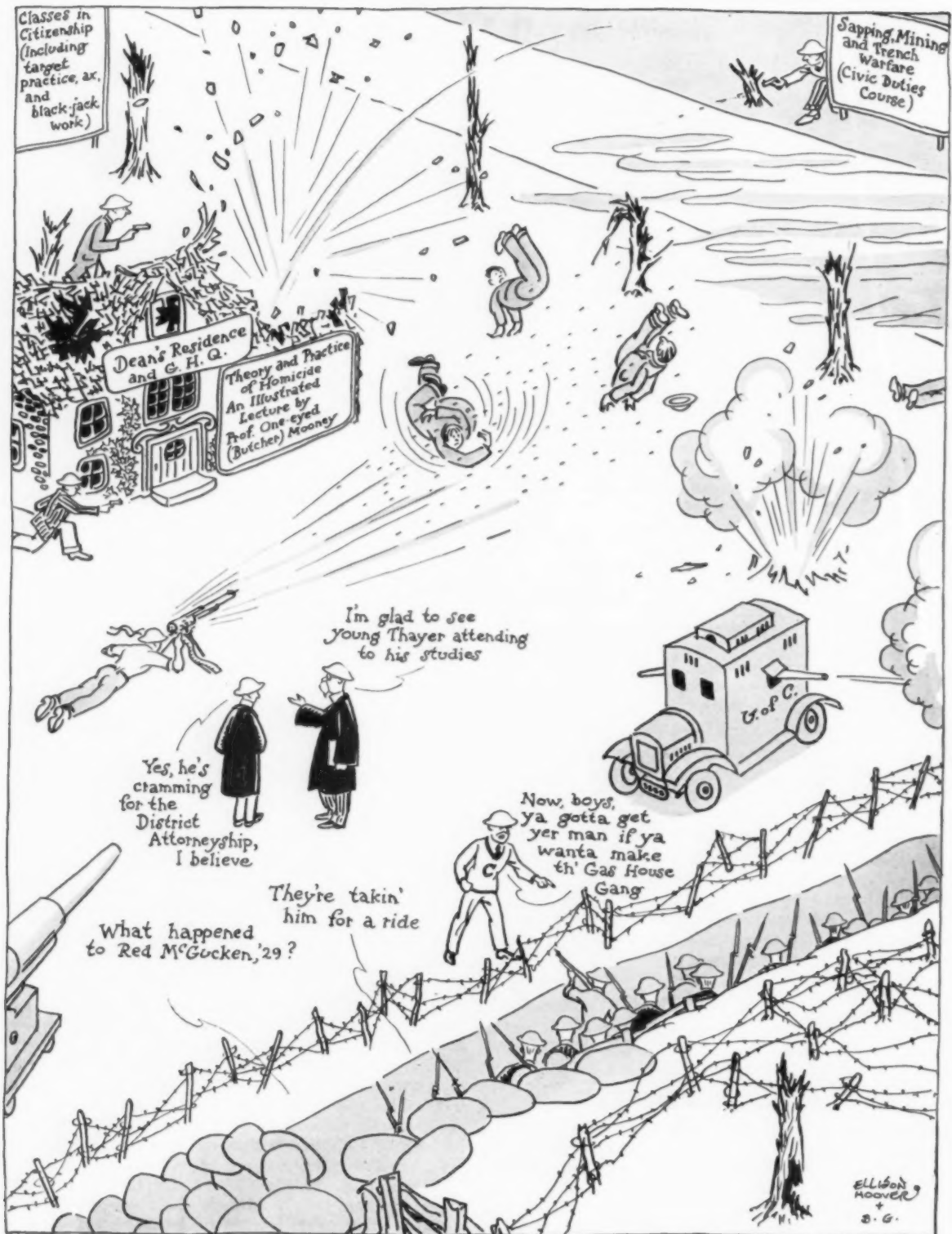
Pauline Lord is, of course, highly effective in her inarticulate gesticulation against Fate, but we have an awful feeling that her very ham pantomime of tragedy at the end of the second act was not intentionally ham. If we are wrong, we still maintain that it was too dangerous a thing for an actress to do.



IN "Artists and Models" the Shuberts have given us the best of their series and what is more, a show which is, for the most part, in very good taste. Scenically, especially, this Winter Garden show is in a class by itself and, in a number called "The Voice of the World," the music and settings achieve a dignity and sincerity which set a record for revues of this type.

Our old love (entirely personal), Florence Moore, is back again with much better material than she has had for several seasons, and we are always easy prey for Jack Pearl's unequal fight against the English language. Jack Osterman puts several numbers over which would have been nothing in less skilful hands and if we could overcome an atavistic aversion to Ted Lewis we might even like him. That's how friendly we feel toward "Artists and Models."

Robert Benchley.



Collegiate Impressions

Practicing the Art of Self-Defense at the University of Chicago

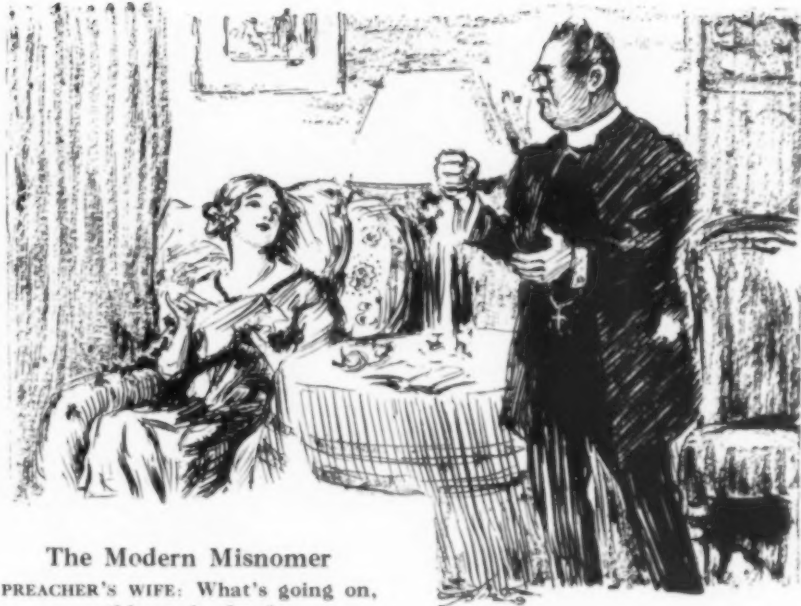
The Headline Writers Play a Jackpot

"C'MON, you guys, sweeten up."
"Whaddayuh mean? Ain't everybody in?"
"Dealer Bares Three-Chip Jackpot Shortage!"
"Poker Quiz Opens; Official Count Ordered."
"Audit Reveals Three White Chips Mysteriously Missing from Jackpot."
"Telegraph Editor First to Deny Guilt."
"Finger of Suspicion Points to City Editor."
"I Was First Man In,' Cries Suspect."
"Dealer Threatens to Block Game Until Shortage Made Good."
"Check Fingerprints on All Chips,' Suggests Police Reporter."
"Telegraph Editor Flays Dealer for Delay."
"I'm Fighting for Principle,' Dealer's Defense."
"Impossible to Fix Guilt as No Records Kept, Copy Reader Avers."
"Dealer Yields to Public Opinion, Abandons Quiz."
"Attaboy, Bill. What's three white chips? I'm gonna win this pot, anyhow."
"You're all moist. I got four aces to start with."
"Aw, pipe down, you guys. Let's have more action and less lip."
Chet Johnson.

"WE made it!" shouted the trans-oceanic fliers who were picked up ten miles from the coast as they gazed at the front page of the next morning's newspaper.



MOTHER (to ultra-modern daughter): I do wish you would come home a little more often.
DAUGHTER: Gee, Ma! You're trying to make a regular pigeon of me.



The Modern Misnomer

PREACHER'S WIFE: What's going on, this week, dear?
PREACHER: We're going out to coerce as many as we can into contributing to the Free Will Offering.

Incorporated

MORRIS: Yes, sir, he's a smart business man.
JACOB: How do you make that out?
MORRIS: Why, I heard he has formed a syndicate to buy the advertising space on college slickers.

IN these flying days, youth will have its wing.



Remarks

THE big business man did a noble deed.
"His conscience hurts him," said the stenographer.
"He wants publicity," said the bookkeeper.
"Building up good will in the community," said the shipping clerk.
"His wife made him do it," said the telephone girl.
"He'd just had a swell dinner," said the office boy.

And all of them were right. J. A. S.

THE flapper read the schedule of charges in the beauty surgeon's office and sighed ecstatically: "One payment and it's mine!"





"... and they say she's very nearly crazy. Her son is having an open affair with a shop girl and her youngest daughter ran off with a traveling man..."
 "That's the trouble with the younger generation. They haven't a bit of sales resistance."

Americana

THUGS Loot Bank in Daring Daylight Robbery....One Cock-tail Brings Man Jail Sentence.... Trained Goldfish Gets Long Term Movie Contract....Governor Blotz

Steals Million-Dollar School Fund. ...Thugs Defy Police in Daring Daylight Murder....Crime Ended by Prohibition Says Noted French Skater....Governor Blotz Re-elected by Large Majority. ...Six-Year-Old Girl Flies to Thibet....Thugs Dynamite City Hall.... Thousand New Laws Passed by Legislature.... Woman Jailed for Parking Too Near Fire Plug.... Russia in Bad Shape Says Home-Run King....Sunday Golf Illegal....High School Pupils in Wild Orgy....Whole City in Frantic Welcome to Flagpole Sitter....Thugs Steal Front Door of Jail. ...Evangelist Breaks Non-Stop Prayer Record Standing on Head.

Robert Lord.



FIRST COLORED LADY: Yo' husban's in de hospital? Ah thought he was jus' only off on a jag.
 SECOND SIMILAR (with pride): He was, but Ah interrupted him.

Sonnet for Sunday Drivers

THERE is no day like Sunday
 (Lord be praised!).
 Then all the morons, nitwits, dolts
 and eggs,
 Weary of much propulsion by
 their legs,
 Leap forth into their cars, and lo!
 is raised
 Such fumes as Hell itself has never
 blazed,
 Such repartee as one expects from
 yeggs.
 Behind their horns thus mankind's
 sourest dregs
 In hot procession fly, wild-eyed or
 glazed.

Two hundred miles they race, inhal-
 ing gas,
 Exhausting selves and driving
 walkers mad.
 Then Monday comes; post-mor-
 tems now are due;
 They corner you and tell you all, alas.
 O Lord, omit all Sundays—make
 us glad!
 (It's jake with me to discard
 Mondays, too.)

Gordon Seagrove.

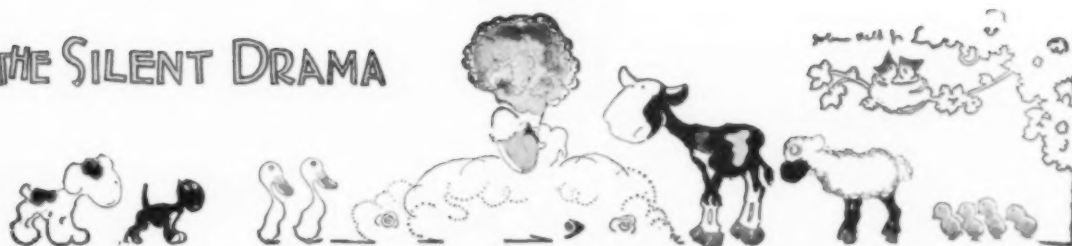
With Rare Exceptions

"WHAT do they call a person
 who's taking the fifth year of
 his college course?"
 "A bond salesman."



MOTHER: If you'd cut down on your smoking, Eloise, we might be able to buy Father a case of gin for Christmas.

THE SILENT DRAMA



"My Best Girl"

MARY PICKFORD is in again, with another typical Pickford picture. It is called "My Best Girl," and in its substance and its form it conforms religiously to the standard traditions that have made America's Sweetheart what she is to-day.

The story was written by Kathleen Norris, who evidently copied it off old pieces of blotting paper that were found lying around the Pickford studio. Its heroine is a wistful but comical little shopgirl who has to support and manage a shiftless family; its hero is a handsome young clerk, with a twinkle in his eye—the latter being accounted for by the fact that he is the millionaire shopkeeper's son.

It is hardly necessary to announce that Miss Pickford is excellent. So is Charles Rogers, as the lad with the twinkle. And so is Sam Taylor's direction.

IT is not improbable that young Charles Rogers felt a bit nervous when he was called on to make love to Mary Pickford in "My Best Girl."

When Miss Pickford first started playing love scenes on the screen, Mr. Rogers was a resident of Olathe, Kansas, being at the time all of one year of age.

I feel certain that when Mr. Rogers has been in the movies long enough to be classed as a "veteran character actor," Our Mary will still be appearing as wistful but comical little heroines in pictures exactly like "My Best Girl."

"Sorrell and Son"

FOR three-fourths of the way, "Sorrell and Son" is an extraordinarily tender, sensitive and moving drama of self-sacrifice, loyalty and kindred virtues. It is beautifully acted, by H. B. Warner and little Mickey McBann, and directed with gentle sympathy and genuine intelligence by Herbert Brenon.

The fact that "Sorrell and Son" falters toward the end is due to feeble performances in two or three vitally important parts. The intense realism is impaired, and the emotional strength weakened.

MR. BRENON demonstrates again that he possesses the qualities of delicacy and good taste which are so generally absent among members of the directorial fraternity. He can take a fragile story—such as "Peter Pan" or "A Kiss for Cinderella"—and can handle it with care. The fine spirit of "Sorrell and Son" could have been killed by too strenuous application of the directorial bludgeon; it lives and breathes, however—which constitutes one more credit for Mr. Brenon.

"The College Widow"

THERE has been much talk recently of proselyting in the colleges. It seems that football stars are continually being enticed from one university to another by promises of lucrative jobs in the student laundry or the local subscription agency.

In "The College Widow" is demonstrated a brand-new form of proselyting. It is engineered by Dolores Costello, who appears as the daughter of the president of dear old something-or-other college.

Whenever a sensational new triple-threat fullback starts scoring points for Yale, Penn State, Illinois or the University of California, Miss Costello gives him a yearning look from the depths of her slumbrous eyes—and he transfers at once to dear old something-or-other.

Just how Miss Costello manages to get around so much is not made entirely clear. Probably she uses a bicycle.

"Two Arabian Knights"

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R. E. Sherwood.

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The Only Thing

GREEN: Do you know of anything that will stop falling hair?

BROWN: Yes, catch it while it is falling, old top.

GIVE a man a couple of loud ties and it's Christmas.



FAIR CO-ED: Do you play basketball?
SHEIK: No, right now I'm going in for hockey.

HERE is "The Sunshine City" as you would see it from an airplane. On the left is Mirror Lake; on the right is Tampa Bay and the beautiful Recreation Pier; in the center is St. Petersburg's business section.



Photo by Blake

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—The Sportsman (Boston).

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To start another fight!

—Washington Star.



Those Mexican Elections

"IF THIS KEEPS UP, WE'LL HAVE AN
ABSOLUTE MAJORITY."

—Le Canard Enchaîné (Paris).

There's a Fortune in It

THE Royal Photographic Society of
London is exhibiting a photograph too
small to be seen. May we now hope that
gramophone companies will produce a
jazz record too quiet to be
heard?—Vancouver Province.

They Take Everything in Sight

SHE: You never hear of
women cashiers embezzling or
running off with their em-
ployer's money.

HE: Not often, but when
it does happen they take the
employer, too.—Laughter.

Mothers of Eld

A NEW YORK restaurant
advertises: "Pies like mother
used to make before she took
to bridge and cigarettes."

—Boston Transcript.

The Subway Talkers

"And did you vote to-day?"
"Me? Sure I voted."
"I mean, did you cast your ballot?"
"Sure I cast my ballot."
"Who did you vote for?"
"Who did I vote for?"
"Yeah."
"Me, I'm a Republican."
"Did you vote for the amendments?"
"Sure I voted for the amendments."
"Did you vote for the Sixth Amend-
ment?"
"I voted for them all."
"I bet you don't even know what the
Sixth Amendment is about."
"Who don't?"
"You don't."
"You're crazy. It's about honor your
father and mother."

—Arthur Kober, in New York World.

The Lorgnette Juggler

THIS concerns a certain dancer whose
talents are recognized in the two-a-day
and musical comedies. After making a
hit in a show she suddenly went ritzy
and affected tall millinery. Her inti-
mates gave her up, not being able to tol-
erate her poses and speech affectations
while knowing that she was illiterate. At
any rate, they say that her maid at the
theatre asked her:

"Have you any idea where the pins
are?"

"I regret very much," said the upstage
one, "but I do not know where the pins
is."—New York Graphic.

The Inquiring Reporter Tackles

G. B. Shaw, Writer

IN response to a paper's questionnaire,
"What three books have most influenced
you?" Mr. Bernard Shaw said, "Who told
you my career was influenced by three
books?"—Passing Show (London).

GENIAL HOST: Have a cigarette, old
man. I've got three kinds: one for sore
throat, one for opera work and one for
smoking.—New York Sun.



Flea Trainer: SARA! YOU MUST NEVER LET YOUR
PUBLIC SEE YOU IN THIS MOOD.

—New Yorker.

Saturnine

I CONFESS to an enjoyment of something said by a Portland father to his son the other day. The young man had recently returned from a trip and during his absence had acquired one of the double-dab mustaches.

"What do you think of it, dad?" he asked.

"Well," replied the old gentleman, "if you were in a wreck and had it ruined, I don't reckon you'd have much of a case for damages."—*D. H. Talmadge, in Portland Morning Oregonian.*

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Why Daughter Prefers the Dance

VERY YOUTHFUL FLAPPER: Why, Mother, dear, are you sure? I always thought—

HER MOTHER: I'm very sure, dearest. Housemaid's knee is an ailment, not a dance.—*Ladies' Home Journal.*

It took a crab in Scotland eighteen months to go three hundred miles. Probably making a house-to-house canvass.—*Collier's.*



Vocal Teacher (who has been held up): I HAVE NO MONEY, GENTLEMEN, NOT EVEN A WATCH—I'M AFRAID I CAN'T GIVE YOU ANYTHING EXCEPT SINGING LESSONS!
—*Meggendorfer Blätter (Munich).*

When a pedestrian crosses the street he hopes to get the brakes.—*Lampoon.*

"Yes" and "No"

("Yes" and "No" are very easily said, but before they are said it is necessary to think for a long time."—*Confucius.*)

WHILE seated upon a park bench the other day I overheard an earnest young man ask of the moon-faced virgin beside him a question, to which she answered "No." After a reasonable time he asked her again, and she whispered "Yes." So he kissed her.

I rose and walked on, reflecting that she could not have known the sage words of Confucius.

Later I decided that perhaps she had done all her thinking a long time in advance.—*Punch.*

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"Will sell all my stock and line of dry goods for cost. Have also real estate. Reason for selling, mamma is not home. Jacob Mertz."—*Groversville (N. Y.) Herald.*

THE big baby!—*New Yorker.*

Communism

"You own your own home, don't you?"
"No, we have company most of the time."—*C. C. N. Y. Mercury.*

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In suitable array,
Should not, in our opinion, be permitted
To play.

It skills not from the tee how hard he
soaks 'em,

How straight his iron shots are,
How oft into the hole the fellow pokes
'em

In par;

Yea, though his every punch a perfect
peach is,

He has no business there,
Unless he knows the proper kind of
breeches
To wear.

And is at pains to wrap about his torso
A sweater bravely dyed,
Or else a coat, like Joseph's only more so,
Of hide.

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Old Age Looks Forward

Old men are pretty generally reputed to be drags on the wheels of progress, and it will be recalled how a very famous man and one of the most useful and admirable of his time got into hot water by intimating that men were not much use after sixty and that the world could get along without any of the knowledge which men over forty had contributed to it. Something like that he said, not seriously but merely to amuse an audience, and when the newspapers had duly dealt with it what a din arose! And one remembers Barrie and his invitation to youth to come forward and take charge of the world. But really and by rights the old men should be the forwardest-looking people on earth, because forward is the only attractive direction that is left for them to look in. If they look back, the world and the people they knew are not there. It is youth that looks back. There is nothing so reminiscent as an old schoolboy in the twenties may be, revisiting his school. Everything reminds him of old times. That is because his world is still there, and people still in it that he can remind of something. Not so with the older people. Their world is a has-been, and if they, too, are not to be has-beens, they must keep eyes to the front.

From "What's Ahead and Meanwhile," by E. S. Martin (Harpers).

Sara Wiseyes

SARA WISEYES is sixteen. She smokes cigarettes constantly, And is as innocent As a movie actress bride. It is hard to believe that Sara's mother Was a timid little farm woman Who broke down and cried When she gave her first grocery order Which included a plug of Horseshoe. She was afraid the clerk wouldn't realize It was for her husband.

—N. L. W., in *Kansas City Star*.

The Truth at Last

THE truthfulness of people who write in praise of patent medicines, telling of marvelous cures they have experienced, is sometimes called in question. The following quotation, which is from the opening sentence of a recent testimonial, may throw some light on this problem of veracity: "Some three and a half years ago I was stricken with rheumatism from head to foot; not even able to use my hands, and only with assistance could I turn in bed, where I lied in agony."

—*Manchester Guardian*.

All In

THE caller wanted to see the man of the house.

"Is he in?" he inquired of the wife.

"Yes," she said.

"Can I see him?"

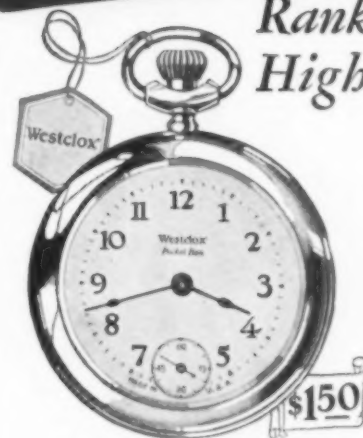
"No, he's in for drunk and disorderly."

—*Smith's Weekly* (Sydney).

THE eminent scientist, Charles Nordmann, says the sun is good for 150,000,000,000 years. That gives the world time to get the last man uplifted and reformed by law.—*St. Louis Globe-Democrat*.



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The Step from the Sublime

It seems to be a tradition on the stage that whenever an untoward and unexpected incident occurs during a performance the lines to be spoken immediately thereafter have an uncanny knack of possessing some droll application to the situation, with the result that an increased measure of self-control is exacted from performers already burdened with a hard struggle to keep straight faces.

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"Your father touched upon a tender spot then, dear."—*New York World*.

They Often Do

"My wife is dissatisfied."

"Always talking about the happy home she left?"

"No, her former job."

—*Louisville Courier-Journal*.

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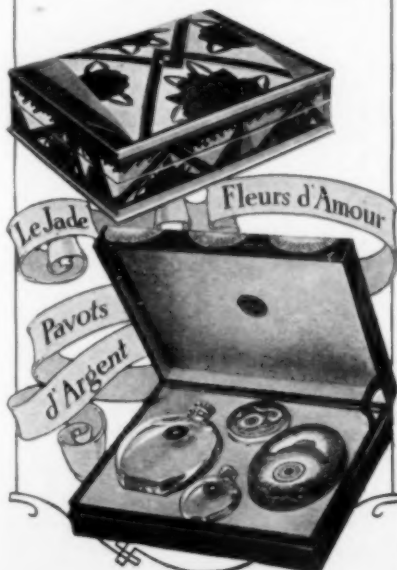
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Mrs. Pep's Diary

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briefly, and one tune with passages plucked whole from "O Come, All Ye Faithful."

November 16th All the morning gone in clearing from the shelves fiction which must make way for newer works, and it was astonishing how many best sellers of their day could now be easily sacrificed, albeit my progress was slow forasmuch as I did sit me on the floor with this and that volume and reread various passages. To luncheon at Lydia Loomis's, finding there Adelaide Hilles, who, when she set about powdering her nose, did pull out my old silver Marie Antoinette box which I have not seen since we did visit her at the beach four or five years since, so, when her back was turned, I did calmly appropriate it from her opened bag, nor, when she failed to find it for her next nasal refurbishing, did she raise a hue and cry, neither. Moreover, I did use it myself overtly, with no word said. And Lydia did tell us how her town car, standing outside of a shop, had been struck and almost demolished by a hearse, which she had allowed to proceed on its way without too much questioning through respect for the dead, and how the insurance company had later discovered that three hearses were listed on that same license number, which belonged to a bootlegger. Home betimes, and fell a-reading of my book, but when it came time to turn on the light something had befallen the electricity, so that I was obliged to use a candle for a time, with discomfort and impatience, too, until I did stop to reflect that if Cæsar, Napoleon, Washington, Grant, etc., could plan their campaigns by the flickering light of an incompetent tallow, it were a sorry thing could I not carry on through "Kitty" until the Edison fuses should be rekindled. Dinner at home, on wild duck which Sam ate with an astonishing relish, and then to the playhouse to see "And So to Bed," a merry piece based on one day of Samuel Pepys's doings, with Mlle. Arnaud as Mrs. Pepys as good, methinks, as anybody could be.

Baird Leonard.

Punishment

"THAT, sir, is a falsehood!" severely said the schoolma'am. "Do you know what will happen to you if you tell lies?" "Yes'm," nonchalantly replied Skinny Simpson. "I'll go to hell and burn." "Worse than that! You will be expelled from school!"—*Kansas City Star.*

PITY the poor paragrapher working overtime to get a joke ready for the new Ford!—*Boston Transcript.*



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Strike Out the Band

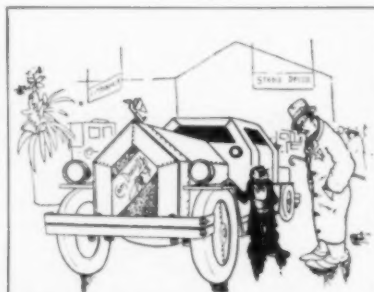
LOOKING back over the last few football seasons, it does not take an acute eye, still less an acute ear, to realize that the student bands of our big universities are taking up more and more space in the gridiron spectacles and the rotogravure sections.

We may not have to wait very long before the accounts of the Big Games will be concerned chiefly with the collegiate calliopeans and their complicated manœuvres. In fact, we won't have to wait at all, for I have one of these accounts before me as I write:

"The Yale-Princeton gridiron concert yesterday was easily the most thrilling and colorful of the many encounters in which these friendly enemies have indulged. Before a record-breaking crowd of enthusiasts, the two bands took the playing field promptly at two o'clock, to the riotous welcome of the cheering sections. Drum-Majors Tuba of Yale and Pibroch of Princeton met in the middle of the field for the toss, which Yale won, Tuba tossing his drum-major's staff ten feet farther than his rival. This gave Yale the wind, but Princeton had a better marching air, and even before the starting bugle blew, it was evident that this was to be no mean contest.

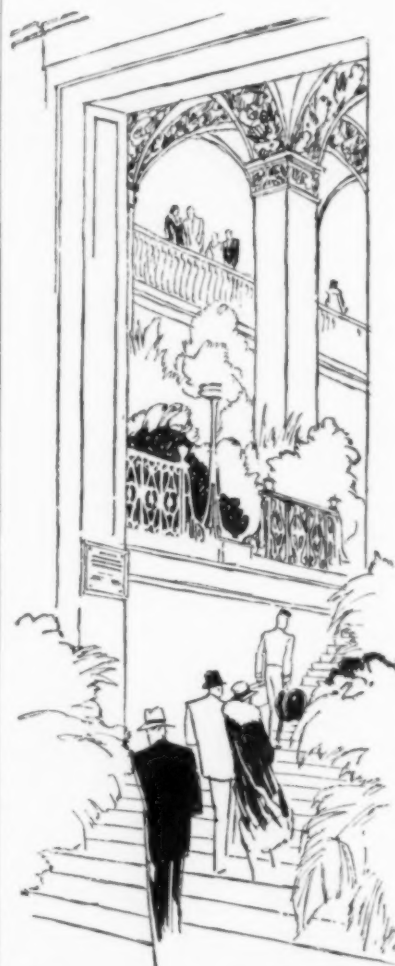
"Yale had the advantage of weight, particularly in the woodwind positions, but Princeton offset this by her triple-threat bass drummers, who could double in brass. When Yale blew off, Princeton at once formed into a column of platoons, closing on first platoon, which the Eli offense could not solve. They thereupon fell back upon a daring *sostenuto e non troppo* arrangement of 'Bright College Years,' running off the play in 3-4 time.

"The Tiger's staff, both bass and treble, sent notes to their leader to form the 'P,' which he did, following with a 'Y' and sometimes 'W' and 'J.' The band then advanced in



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echelon with outriders, while Yale branched out in a flanking-squad formation, playing hautboys, bell-boys and cowboys.

"The activities of the bands throughout the rest of the afternoon were confined to the more orthodox but none the less effective formations of column of battalions in column of close lines, line of battalions in line of close columns, and so forth. Tempo was taken out only once for each band.

"During the intermission, an exhibition by picked teams of athletes from the two universities gave some of their specialties, which were adequately enough done."

A. C. M. Azoy.

Ghostly Ethics

(It is reported that a ghost, believed to be that of a clergyman, has appeared in a house in Cardiff and has so severely pinched several persons as to leave marks for some days afterwards.)

I LIKE a ghost to be a ghost

And frankly to behave as such.
Those members of the phantom host
Do not intrigue me very much
Who look so like to living folk
And so discreetly carry on
That no one sees their little joke
Till after they have gone.

A ghost a clanking chain may wear
To fill the hearer with alarm,
Though some, indeed, prefer to bear
A severed head beneath the arm.
Blood-curdling screams and curses deep
Are useful to suggest the doom
Of him who has the nerve to sleep
Within the haunted room.

But when a spectre rudely tries
To pinch his victims black and blue,
My anger I can scarce disguise—
It seems a vulgar thing to do.
A goblin possibly might boast
Of such a cheap idea of fun
But by a self-respecting ghost...
No, no! It isn't done.
—"Touchstone," in

London Morning Post.

Arithmetic Then and Now

WALTER, who was having trouble with subtraction, showed a problem which he had just finished to his father.

"Is this right, daddy?"

"No, son, it's not right," dad replied. "I can't understand why you have so much trouble with subtraction," he continued. "When I was in school I did it without any trouble."

"I guess subtraction musta' been easy those days," son replied.

—Chicago Tribune.

An Overdose

A FELLOW who ran into a bit of trouble driving home yesterday, and into a bit more when he got home, laid the blame for it all on his doctor. "The doctor told me to take two drinks and go home and go to bed," he explained. "So I took four drinks and decided to stay up."—Kansas City Star.

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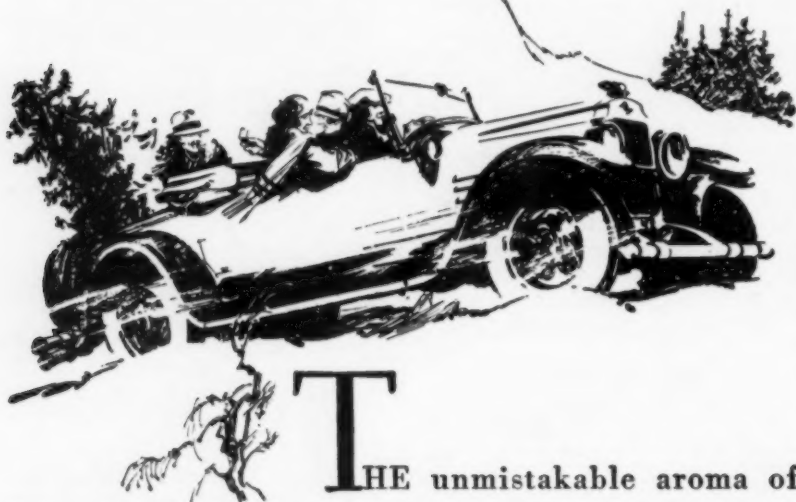
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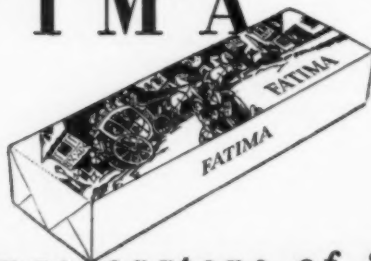
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From Our Readers

A Friendly Suggestion

EDITOR of LIFE,
New York.

SIR:

Won't you put a little box on the inside front cover of LIFE stating on what page we can find "The Gay Nineties"?

It is annoying to have to go through the whole magazine to find it, as that is the one page we all look for.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. GEORGE H. LORIMER.

"Belgraeme,"
Wyncote, Pennsylvania.

Protest from Germany

TO the Editor of LIFE.

SIR:

I would have addressed you by "Gentlemen" or "Dear Sirs"—but I cannot do so after having seen page 12 and 13 of the edition "American Legion Number."

Nearly ten years after the great war, Americans are making such dirty propaganda which is below the dignity of the worst rascal—whenever you ought to be conscious, that affronting a defenceless people, the offence is falling back to the offender. Besides that, I do not understand, how you may venture to compare your own countrymen with a swine, because I have several good friends in America who are quite proper fellows—but at any rate—knowledge of oneself is the best way to mending.

In a civilised country just as Germany you never will observe such common and unfair offences and I never believed, Americans to be so weak and unfair as to serve themselves of such vulgar publications in order to combat a European competitor who apparently must be very disagreeable to them.

Long live the Noblemindedness!!!

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Hamburg, Germany.

(NOTE: Our correspondent refers to two pages of material in the American Legion Number, reprinted from issues of LIFE in the war years, 1917-18. The material was reprinted solely for its historical interest, to show how considerably the world's point of view has changed since the war.)

We Wish We Knew

TO the Editor of LIFE.

SIR:

Will you please tell me the sum LIFE received from the British government and other sources for printing the propaganda, both in illustrations and text, that helped influence us to enter the world war. Has LIFE again entered into agreement with the British government, or if not yet does it intend to do so, to print propaganda to influence us to aid England in case she causes another war? If so, what is or will be the consideration for this service?

LLOYD ARMSTRONG.

Walla Walla, Washington.

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